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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—132) Pages S6218, S6219

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 9, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$6241.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine manufacturing competitiveness in a high-tech era, focusing on current challenges that confront American manufacturers, how manufacturers have responded to these challenges, discuss how recent technological innovations have impacted the manufacturing industry, and explore what government should do to help American manufacturers remain competitive in today's global economy, after receiving testimony from Albert A. Frink, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services of the International Trade Administration; G. Wayne Clough, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Sebastian Murray, FPI Thermoplastic Technologies, Morristown, New Jersey; and Thomas R. Howell, Dewey Ballantine, LLP, Washington, D.C.

DISASTER PROTECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Sub-committee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction concluded a hearing to examine research and development to protect America's communities from disaster, focusing on National Institute of Standards and Technology recent World Trade Center report, as well as computer security, and chemical, biological, radiological detection standards, National Science Foundation scientific research in areas such as computer security and data mining, and NOAA's

work developing atmospheric models to aid in prediction of the transport and dispersion of chemical and biological releases, including the hazards alert system, after receiving testimony from Hratch G. Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, and Conrad Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both of the Department of Commerce; and Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 483, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse";

- S. 260, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, enhance, and manage private land to improve fish and wildlife habitats through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, with an amendment;
- S. 864, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify provisions relating to nuclear safety and security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 865, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 858, to reauthorize Nuclear Regulatory Commission user fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 1017, to reauthorize grants for the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, and;
- S. 1140, to designate the State Route 1 Bridge in the State of Delaware as the "Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge".

LAND CONSERVATION TAX POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine proposals to reform the tax code relating to land conservation, focusing on legal requirements for deductions for conservation easements, and governance, accountability, and transparency reforms, receiving testimony from Jonathan Selib, Tax Counsel, and Dean Zerbe, Tax Counsel and Senior Counsel to the Chairman, both of the Committee on Finance; Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, Department of the Interior; Steven T. Miller, Commissioner, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Burnet R. Maybank, III, South Carolina Department of Revenue, Columbia; Steven J. McCormick, Nature

Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia; Rand Wentworth, Land Trust Alliance, Washington, D.C.; and Timothy Lindstrom, Jackson Hole Land Trust, Jackson, Wyoming.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, and Roger Dwayne Pierce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine exploring the promise of embryonic stem cell research, focusing on Alzheimer's Disease, Huntington's Disease, diabetes, and Parkinson's Disease, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Goldstein, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine; Douglas A. Doerfler, MaxCyte, Inc., Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; John D. Gearhart, Johns Hopkins University Department of Medicine Institute for Cell Engineering, Baltimore, Maryland; Su-Chun Zhang, University of Wisconsin-Madison Waisman Mental Retardation Center; and Chris Dudley, Portland, Oregon.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 2791–2826; 1 private bill, H.R. 2827; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 174–175; and H. Res. 307–309 were introduced. Pages H4295–96

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 481, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000, amended (H. Rept. 109–107);

H.R. 774, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado (H. Rept. 109–108);

H.R. 853, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States (H. Rept. 109–109);

H.R. 873, to provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (H. Rept. 109–110);

H.R. 1084, to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery

who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862 (H. Rept. 109–111);

H.R. 1428, to authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, amended (H. Rept. 109–112);

H.R. 2362, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (H. Rept. 109–113); and

H.R. 432, to require the Secretary of the Interior to permit continued occupancy and use of certain lands and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park (H. Rept. 109–114). Pages H4294–95

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Nelson Quinones, Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week: H. Con. Res. 159, amended, recognizing the sacrifices being made by the families of members of the Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week.

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